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SUBJECT

Recruitment of officers for the Defence Services.

J.M. Krishnan
13.7.44.

Letter No.F.58-44/.. dated the 23rd May 1944 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the President in Mysore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

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SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF INDIAN OFFICERS FOR THE DEFENCE SERVICES.

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2. An experiment in this method of recruitment is now going on in the form of a G.H.Q. Staff Officer of the Recruiting Directorate visiting Indian States and the experience so far gained by the Military authorities indicates that an expansion of the method is likely to produce good results.

3. A Staff Officer Recruiting has accordingly been appointed in 105 L of Area, and it is proposed that he should tour throughout the Mysore State in order to make contact with prospective candidates for commissions and other interested persons, through the Deputy Commissioners of Districts. After the initial tour of the Staff Officer Recruiting, it is also proposed to co-opt a touring team, which might include civilians either official or non-official. The Government of Mysore will be requested to suggest suitable representatives to be included in the team. This team would act both on behalf of the Indian Army and the State Forces.

4. The Military authorities would be very grateful if the Government of Mysore would be so good as to issue instructions to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts to render every assistance to the S.R.O.'s

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during his initial tour, and to the touring tour when they undertake their tour. This has been done by the Government of Madras. Copies of the instructions issued to Deputy Commissioners may kindly be sent to the Staff Officer and to this Residency.

5. The Staff Officer's tour programme will be referred to the Government of Mysore before any tour in the State is actually undertaken by him.

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✓ Minister for Education.

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From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore, the 20th May 1944.

RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS FOR THE DEFENCE SERVICES.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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SUBJECT Recruitment of Officers for the Defence Services.

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No. Pol 2478

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident.

Sir,

Date of issue 31st May 1944

With reference to your letter No. F. 53-44/W dt 23.5.44 on the above subject, I am directed to state that this Govt have no objection to the proposals of the military authorities in the matter. I have etc.,

Signed by Mr. S. K. V

WG 30/5/44

Chief Secy to Govt.

I am to send herewith [illegible] for information and necessary action.

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For the S.O.R & the
Touring Cadre.

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